

I-70 FIRST TIER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

WELCOME

Welcome to the Public Hearing for the I-70 First Tier Environmental Impact Statement (FTEIS). The hearing is being held over two nights, April 12th at Noland Road Baptist Church and April 13th at the Gregg/Klice Community Center. The hearing provides an opportunity for formal public review of the Draft FTEIS. The information presented this evening is intended to give you an overview of the study's major findings, the strategies considered to improve I-70, and the Identified Preferred Strategy.

We encourage everyone to ask questions and make their comments known. All comments received will be evaluated by MoDOT staff in determining the final strategy for improving I-70.

What Can You View at this Public Hearing?

The public hearing provides several options for viewing information and providing your comments:

- You may view the exhibits spaced around the room including maps of the potential improvement strategies located in the center of the room.
- You may view the on-line public hearing slide show at the computer stations and provide blog comments on the project.
- You may ask questions of the project team staff and make your opinions known. Representatives of MoDOT and its consultant team look forward to discussing the project with you.



We Need Your Comments?

You can submit your comments either tonight or after tonight. The comment period ends on May 7, 2010.

To submit your comments tonight you can...

1. Tell your comments to the comment reporter at the comment table. All you have to do is speak your mind and the reporter will record it.
2. Fill out a comment card and submit your comments in writing. Please place your completed comment card in the comment box.
3. Provide comments via the on-line blog or comment form at one of the computer stations.
4. Provide informal comments to any of the study team members. This type of input is important and will be documented but will not be included in the formal comments on the Draft FTEIS.

To submit your comments later you can...

1. Visit the Website at:
www.modot.org/kansascity/metroi70 and take part in the on-line public hearing. There are links to provide blog comments or on-line comments.
2. Send an e-mail to the MoDOT project manager:
allan.zafft@modot.mo.gov
3. Mail written comments to MoDOT at: 600 NE Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64086

What Happens to Comments?

- All formal comments received at the hearing or during the comment period will be reviewed, recorded and will become part of an appendix to the Final First Tier Environmental Impact Statement.
- Any additional comments received within ten working days after this hearing will be made a part of the hearing transcript and all substantive comments will be addressed in the Final First Tier Environmental Impact Statement. A substantive comment is one that comments on the project, environmental resources potentially affected and/or strategies considered and includes reasons for the comment. For example: "I do not want Strategy A because it will cause too many homes to be relocated."
- Even if your comment does not meet the technical definition of a substantive comment it is still important and MoDOT wants to know what you think.

The following exhibits and stations are located in the hearing room:

Exhibit or Station Name	What Does the Exhibit Show? What Happens At This Station?
Public Hearing Welcome	It explains the background on the public hearing.
Purpose and Need	It explains the purpose of the project and the key reasons for improving I-70.
How an Idea Becomes a Reality	It describes how transportation projects are implemented from initial ideas to construction.
Study Process	It describes the process this project is following.
Study Area	A map of the portion of I-70 under study is shown.
Strategy Development	It explains the steps MoDOT took to develop strategies for improving I-70 and the strategies considered.
Strategy Maps	Maps showing the key elements of each of the four First Tier strategies considered and the Identified Preferred Strategy are provided on tables in the center of the room.
Identified Preferred Strategy	It explains why MoDOT has proposed an Identified Preferred Strategy.
Draft FTEIS	It explains what the Draft FTEIS is and provides copies for you to review.
Environmental Maps	Three maps of the various environmental resources in the Study Area including community facilities, parks, wetlands, floodplains, streams, and cultural resources.
Environmental Summary Effects	It provides a summary of some of the key potential effects of the strategies on environmental resources.
Next Steps	It describes the next steps for the project.
Computer Stations	You can participate in the on-line public hearing and blog on these computers.
We Need Your Comments - Comment Table	You can provide your comment on the project in many ways, as described below.
Contact Information	It provides contact points for further information.
Other MoDOT Projects Information Station	Information on other MoDOT projects in the Kansas City Area is provided here.